GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
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BUILDING OF RAILWAY FREIGHT TERMINALS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the South Eastern Railway has decided to build up railway freight terminals with private funding for public use;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the stations selected for this purpose;

(c) whether the Railway Board has reviewed performance of South Eastern Railway;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the measures decided to be taken to meet the financial crunch ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIST RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a) & (b): South Eastern Railway has issued a press advertisement inviting `Expression of Interest` from prospective investors for setting up privately funded freight terminals. The last date for receipt of `Expression of Interest` was 12.11.2001. The locations identified by the Railway include Shalimar, Sankrail, Visakhapatnam, Mandir Hasaud, Hatia, Tatanagar, Kalaikunda, Bhilai, Bondamunda and Berhampur. Individual firms/ corporate entities having sound technical, financial and management capability in developing such facilities are eligible to apply.

(c) & (d): Performance review of Zonal Railways including South Eastern Railway is an ongoing exercise with Railway Board. Loading and earnings therefrom constitute the important parameters monitored regularly. The loading and earning from goods traffic of South Eastern Railway upto October` 2001 was 104.95 Metric Tonne and Rs. 3399.28 crores as against 102.66 Metric Tonne and Rs. 3274.72 crores in the corresponding period of last year.

(e) The major steps taken by the Railways to improve fiscal efficiency include: Marketing efforts to capture additional freight/ parcel traffic; drives against ticket-less travel; drives for realisation of outstanding dues; mobilisation of resources through commercial utilisation of Railway land, air space; expenditure control and austerity measures etc.